

WE HAD A HUNCH

Alice Voyle Rashleigh Is Honorary Member Of Columbia Hose Co.—And By Her Own Right, At That!

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Carbondale, Pa.

Editor
Carbondale News,
Dear Sir:

The members of Columbia Hose company No. 5 enjoyed reading in the Carbondale News the serial history of Carbondale written by Miss Alice Rashleigh. In the installment discussing the organization of Columbia No. 5, Miss Rashleigh states that because Tommy Voyle, being one of the charter members and first secretary, the present members have honored her with a gold badge, life membership and membership card No. 5.

We admit the badge, membership and card No. 5 but emphatically deny the reasons advanced, for, while the name of Tommy Voyle, together with his co-organizers will be remembered and revered as long as Columbia Hose company No. 5 are the Columbias, the name Alice Rashleigh and Alice Rashleigh in person also have their rightful places in the Columbias.

Several years ago the Scott Chandler livery stable took fire and the alarm sounded. Columbia Hose truck arrived with the driver alone and an officer of the New York fire department, who was at the scene, remarked to the effect volunteers could not handle such a blaze. Miss Rashleigh hearing the remark took exception and after the fire was brought under control asked him how much better his metropolitan department could have handled it. The gentleman called at No. 5 and apologized.

At the Trinity Parish hall fire, when the mercury was showing 8 below zero and all available men and equipment were in attendance, Miss Rashleigh came by, looked us over, went up town, dug down into her funds and returned with her arms loaded with winter caps and woolen mufflers and after arranging for hot coffee to be served her boys proceeded to distribute caps and mufflers without regard for persons or regulations. The writer was inspected and OKed and Assistant Chief Hessling called and a muffler wound round his neck and ears. No respecter of rank is our Alice.

There are two reasons why the company at a regular meeting instructed the secretary to write the editor of the Carbondale News and

the reason why Miss Rashleigh is and always will be Our Alice and one of the gang with a service record to none.

Yours truly,

Columbia Hose Co. No. 5,
Kenneth Fulton,
Secretary.